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SENATE BILL 274

43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 1998

INTRODUCED BY

BEN D. ALTAMIRANO

AN ACT

**MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO
IMPLEMENT A CONSUMER QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAM FOR BEHAVIORAL
HEALTH SERVICES.**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

**Section 1. APPROPRIATION. -- Four hundred twenty-one
thousand dollars (\$421,000) is appropriated from the general
fund to the department of health for expenditure in fiscal
year 1999 to contract for the creation of a statewide consumer
advisory board for mental health and substance abuse services,
regional consumer quality assurance teams and an ombudsman and
advocate program for the purpose of developing and
implementing client-based quality assurance reviews, including
satisfaction surveys, and providing advocacy services to
ensure quality, accountability, cost-effectiveness and**

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1 consumer satisfaction with behavioral health services. Any
2 unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of
3 fiscal year 1999 shall revert to the general fund.

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8 Mr. President:
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10 Your COMMITTEES' COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred
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14 has had it under consideration and finds same to be GERMANE, in
15 accordance with constitutional provisions, and thence referred to the
16 FINANCE COMMITTEE.
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Manny M. Aragon, Chairman

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